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what's happening at the bridge



Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to
help people

Connect with God's people in your life
Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life

Ways to Connect with God's *mission* at the bridge

- Fri. Nov. 1** - 1:00 pm - Women of the bridge
Sun. Nov. 3 - **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
Mon. Nov. 4 - 2:00 pm - Leland House Worship
Mon. Nov. 11 - **Veteran's Day**
Sun. Nov. 17 - 1:00 - 5:00 - Low Country Boil
Tue. Nov. 19 - 11:00 am - **American Red Cross Blood Drive**
Wed. Nov. 27 - 7:00pm - Community wide Thanksgiving Service - Woodburn
Presbyterian Church

Ministry Team Meetings next Week

- Wed. Nov. 6** - 4:00 pm - Session Meeting
Thu. Nov. 7 - 1:00 pm - Worship Team Meeting
Thu. Nov. 7 - 4:30 pm - VBS Planning Meeting

Weekly Small Groups

- Mon.** - 6:00 pm - Boy Scouts and SOS (Siblings of Scouts)
Tue. - 10:00 am - Sleep Mats for Homeless
Tue. - 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Group Meeting
Tue. - 7:00 pm - A.A. Group Meeting
Wed. - 8:00 am - Men's Prayer and Share Small Group
Sat. - 7:00 pm - A.A. Group Meeting

The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at **the bridge**? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -
Give generously - Cherish children -
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

Worship Weekly

Date: November 3, 2019

Title: From Fear to Freedom

Text: Acts 4: 32-37; 5: 1 – 11; Phil 4: 19 -20

Questions:



- If you suddenly inherited one million dollars what would be the first thing you would do with it? Would you: a) first, rush out to spend money on a luxury item like a car or a vacation? b) first, contact a financial or legal consultant. c) first, take care of routine expenses ie: pay off debt; pay off mortgage or pay for college? d) first, make a donation to charity or make a gift to a friend or family?
- In Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira made a generous contribution to the new church...and were condemned for it. What, exactly, did they do that was so wrong?
- Agree or Disagree: Giving to the bridge is not an economic decision so much as it is a spiritual decision, because it's a matter of trust in God.

From Our Pastor!

Sharon and I want to thank everyone at the bridge for the cards, emails, gifts and video tributes sent our way during Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a blessing to be appreciated, and we certainly feel appreciated.

Sharon and I are very grateful to be living and serving among you. We feel VERY blessed to be part of God's mission at the bridge. It is a great joy and honor to be your pastor.

Thank you for your expressions of appreciation and for your ongoing prayers.



bridge "Notes" from Patty

I'm not promoting the book "Jesus Calling" in my bridge notes this week but ok... maybe I am. Maybe you're already a fan of the "Jesus Calling" devotions or maybe they're a little on the lighter side of what your bible study consists of. I like to keep this book around my house and just pick it up and read a sentence or two. I found this video this morning. I already want to watch it again. It's just beautiful. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did. Have a wonderful weekend and I'll see you Sunday.

https://youtu.be/anZ_0HG-cWg

Ushers on Sunday, Nov 3rd:



9:00 am – Charlie Riddle, Mike Weldon and Don Ullum

10:30 am - Clyde and Luana Queen, Andrew and Cathy Purves

Ushers for Communion Release



9:00 am – Charlie Riddle and Jill Weldon

10:30 am - Andrew and Cathy Purves

Communion Servers

9:00 am – Patti Pirher, Barbara Hedin, Elizabeth Murray, Cathy Boettcher

10:30 am - Arleen Godshall, Phil Godshall, Patricia Shaffar, Clyde Queen

Pray Daily



Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge

November



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| Patti Pirher | 4 |
| Peter Barrett | 22 |
| Sharon Cushing | 22 |
| Donna Maher | 22 |
| Lynne Lewis | 29 |

Welcome and Include Everyone

Connecting Partners for Sunday, Nov. 3rd:

9:00 am - Twila Nahama

10:30 am - Judy Bath and Joyce Roberts



Greeters for Sunday, Nov. 3rd:

9:00 am - Charlie Riddle

10:30 am - Rich and Ruth Hepner, Cathy and Rick Gross



Seeking Equal Exchange Volunteer

Are you looking for a meaningful way to volunteer at the bridge? Do you love the Equal Exchange (EE) coffee we serve on Sundays? If so, we could use your help.

Here's what's involved:

- Monitor the EE inventory monthly and order coffee and chocolate as needed.
- Work as a part of a small dedicated team to sell EE products between services on the first Sunday of each month.
- Help coordinate special Christmas and Valentine's Day EE campaigns.
- Write periodic announcements for Currents; make periodic announcements to support EE sales and campaigns.

Want to more information? Contact either Sandy Sears at sloct@yahoo.com or Marilyn Vernon at marilyn.vernon2@gmail.com for more information.

It's Equal Exchange Holiday Gift Time!

This year give a gift that makes a difference. Fill a holiday gift bag with Equal Exchange fairly traded coffee, chocolate bars and minis, and hot cocoa mix or purchase holiday gift baskets of coffee (one bag), a bag of minis, and a chocolate bar.

We at the bridge support small-scale farmers all over the world through the purchase of these items from Equal Exchange in partnership with the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Equal Exchange coffee is the delicious coffee we serve every Sunday.

From Sunday **November 3 to December 10**, you'll have a chance to order customized Holiday Gift Bags as well as chocolate bars and gift baskets.

Here's how it works: Order forms and product information sheets will be available on the Equal Exchange table on Sundays beginning November 3. Just fill in an order form for each gift you'd like, return it with your payment, and we'll package the goodies in a holiday gift bag.

For Thanksgiving: Order by November 17 for pick up on November 24.

For Christmas: Order by December 10 for pick up on December 15.

Note: Sunday sales will continue until December 22.

For more information, contact Sandy Sears at 910-228-5828 ssoct@yahoo.com or Marilyn Vernon at 301-908-8704 marilyn.vernon2@gmail.com.





The bridge to Welcome A Work Group From Pinnacle Presbyterian Church

On Sunday Nov 3rd, we will welcome a work group from the Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, AZ. Pinnacle Pres. has a long history of supporting communities post natural disasters and are looking forward to supporting the Wilmington community during the week of November 3. Pastor Kelsy is friends with Andrew and Cathy Purves and worshiped at the bridge this past summer. The folks from Pinnacle Pres. will share a bit about their experience during the 10:30 am service and there will be refreshments and a time for fellowship after the second service on Nov 3rd. Please come and join us in extending hospitality to our friends from Scottsdale

Chrismon Planning Meeting

Chrismon Planning Group is meeting on Monday Nov 4th at 3:30PM. Everyone is welcome to join us to plan this Advent project. Please come and share your ideas, experiences, supplies, and thoughts on how to implement this Advent experience.



Prayer Group: New Small Group Forming

A new small group will focus on shared prayers, either personal for group members, or for our city, state country and world. We will seek to grow closer to God and to one another through shared prayer. There also will be opportunities for connecting with one another. All are welcome and we would like to welcome drop in attendance by Bridge covenant partners and attenders who feel a desire to share in our prayers. The initiator is Virginia Hight but leadership will be shared among group members. The first meeting of this group will be on Wednesday, November 6th at 5:30 pm. The prayer group will be brief, 30-40 minutes. This will be ongoing group but a fixed duration commitment is not required.

Sign up at the table in the hallway or else by calling Wanda. Questions or suggestions, call Virginia at 336-264-1453 or email vhightot@gmail.com.



Low Country Boil - Meet and Greet

The Hospitality Ministry Team invites you to a Low Country Boil on Sunday November 17th from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. The event will be held at The Commons in Brunswick Forest, located near the Wellness Center off Brunswick Forest Parkway.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hall or you can call Wanda at 910-769-4951 to reserve your spot.

It is very important to please sign up so we have an accurate count. We are limited to 55 people maximum. There is no cost, but those attending are asked to bring an appetizer.

Give Generously

Last Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019

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| Attendance | 108 (4-week average) |
| Offering | \$ 4,922 (4-week average) |
| Offering | \$ 4,283 (8-week average) |
| Actual Attendance | 113 |
| Actual Offering | \$ 3,653 |



From Fear... To Freedom

Stewardship Season

2019

Stewardship Packets

You should have received an electronic copy and also a copy in the mail.

Please let me know if you didn't receive one. There are also some printed copies on the small table by the nametags.

Pledge Cards

Receive in the mail and available at church - around November 1

Belong to a Small Group

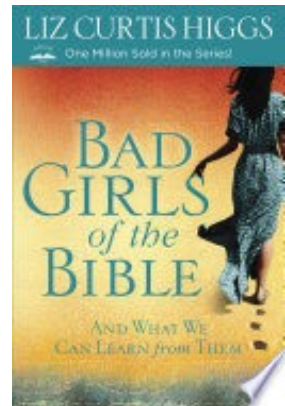
Small Group News

There are sign-up sheets in the hallway for some proposed groups. If you are interested in the group, please sign up so we can determine whether to pursue forming such a group. If you have signed up for a group, please consider checking the box "willing to organize". If no one will lead the group will not be formed.

Please contact Greer Broadwater greerbroadwater@bellsouth.net or 910-769-6454 if you have an idea for a small group that you would like to see offered, especially if you are willing to facilitate or organize it.

Bad Girls of the Bible - Second Session

Bad Girls of the Bible discussion group will start 2 sessions on Thursday, November 7th. One group will gather at 10AM and the second group will meet at 6:30PM. Both groups will meet at 116 Belvedere Ct., Leland, NC. There is a sign up for the evening group, but no sign up for the morning group. A few women have stepped out of the AM group so if you are interested in joining the AM group please call Cathy Boettcher at 371-5951.



Cherish Children

bridge Builders, our Sunday morning children's program, is located in suite 206 during the 10:30 service. A nursery for infants and toddlers is also provided during the 10:30 service

Sunday Nov. 3rd:



Teacher: Cathy Boettcher

Toddlers/Babies: Elizabeth Murray and Gidget Karlof

If you've helped before and can give a Monday night or two to help me watch our toddlers during scout meetings, please see me Sunday.



Serve Our Community



Leland House Worship and Fellowship

We will be visiting with the residents of Leland House on Monday, November 4th, at 2:00. If you have never joined us for this Communion service followed by a time of refreshments and conversation, you are especially invited. These visits mean so much to the residents. Leland House is a personal care/memory care facility located at 1935 Lincoln Rd. NE, right here in Leland. Please sign up on the clipboard in the hall outside the Worship Center if you plan to be there. You can help by serving Communion, reading a Scripture passage, making name tags, distributing refreshments, or just engaging in conversation with the residents. All are welcome!

No Leland House Craft Day in November

We will not be taking a craft to Leland House in November. Please join us December 9th at 2:00p.m. to fellowship with the residents and assist them in making a simple Christmas craft. The address is 1935 Lincoln Road NE in Leland. All are welcome. Please contact Patti Pirher at ppirher@gmail.com if you have questions.



Volunteer opportunity!

Manna Ministries needs volunteers to help with the November food distribution. It will be on the 16th from 8am until noon at Closer Walk Church on Village Rd.

All are welcome to help!



Christmas Stockings for Kids World Academy



Cherish the children of Leland this Christmas! Our Church-Wide Mission Project will be preparing stockings for the students at Kids World Academy. KWA is a preschool for 4-year-olds who are from low income or military families, or disabled, to prepare them for Kindergarten. A sign up sheet with your choice to sponsor a boy or girl will be available November 10. Stockings will be provided with a list of suggested items. All gifts must fit inside, and the stocking labeled for a boy or girl. More details to come.



Our Brunswick County Department of Emergency Services has a complete list of contact information for available government services and disaster assistance on the WEB site: www.brunswickcountync.gov/emergency/voad/ This includes contacts for non-profit VOAD members, such as WARM, the ARC, and BFA, that step in to help with unmet needs. Being familiar with services and assistance programs is an important part of our disaster response and recovery mission. Please take a few minutes to get acquainted with this valuable resource.



Bridge Community Bulletin Board



Blood Drive!

“Battle of the Badges”

Town of Leland

Tuesday, November 19th

11:00-5:00

Leland Town Hall

While the town will be providing their own volunteers for greeting and registering donors, the bridge can support the blood drive and help to alleviate the shortage of blood by providing donors for the 53 slots that have been allocated to the drive. If you are able to donate blood, please go to www.redcrossblood.org and select the November 19th drive to pre-register.





Bridge Community Bulletin Board



Woodburn Presbyterian Church is holding a community-wide Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, Nov 27th @ 7:00pm. The church is located at 509 Village Rd NE, Leland

Travel Opportunity for Friends at the bridge!



We are looking for traveling companions as we plan for an 11 day European River Boat Cruise from Basel in Switzerland to Amsterdam on the Rhine River. This is an all-inclusive Uniworld Cruise (food, drink, daily excursions, and gratuities are all included). We'll qualify for a greatly reduced group rate if we reserve five cabins. Approximate cost for a deluxe cabin (large picture window) is \$3,500.00 per person, plus airfare (\$705.00 per person) and travel insurance (\$450 per person). For more information look for the "Remarkable Rhine & Historic Holland" cruise at uniworld.com, or speak with Andrew and Cathy Purves who can email you a brochure, or contact our travel agent, Angie Fanning - angie@awaybug.com; 910-233-2220.